

**S/N 10/559,513** **PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Title:      | METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR QUERY OPTIMIZATION |                 |                            |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Applicant has reviewed the Final Office Action mailed on March 30, 2009.

This amendment and response is being filed concurrently with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE).

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Applicant Summary of Interview**, which begins on page 9 of this paper; and

**Remarks**, which begin on page 10 of this paper.